## PROCEEEDINGS

of the

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

Friday, June 18, 1971

J. G. Jones, Chairman, Presiding.

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## PROCEEDINGS

The Board Meeting of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission convened at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on Friday, June 18, 1971, at the Ramada Inn, 2211 MacArthur Drive, Alexandria, Louisiana, J. G. Jones, Chairman, presiding.

#### PRESENT WERE:

J. G. Jones, Chairman

H. C. Wright, Vice-Chairman

C. M. Hoffpauer, Director

J. E. Kyle, Jr.

Hobson Norris

J. L. Walker

J. L. Winfree

### A G E N D A

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on April 27, 1971.

CLARK M. HOFFAPUER:

2. Approval of General Services Administration's lease in Louisiana Wild Life (5)

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and Fisheries Building, New Orleans, Louisiana.

#### LYLE S. ST. AMANT:

- Consider opening certain areas in Breton Sound to shrimping beyond July 15, 1971.
- 4. Consider opening Calcasieu Lake after season ends.
- 5. Consider opening certain sections of Lake Pontchartrain to butterfly netting for shrimp.
- 6. Consider resolution supporting legislation regarding Wholesome

#### JOE HERRING:

7. Consider passing a resolution inviting North American Wildlife Conference and National Wildlife Federation to have their 1974 conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

\*OTHER BUSINESS.

\*See note, following page.

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# Reporter's Reference Note:

The following matters, under "Other Business" were considered at the meeting:

- (a) Resolution commending Senators

  Ellender and Long for action

  re D'Arbonne Bayou area.
- (b) Pollution Committee Report,
  Mr. J. L. Walker.
- (c) Spring Bayou Management Area,
  Mr. J. L. Winfree.
- (d) Buelhar Lake Commission,
  Mr. Bill Day.
- (e) Arrests by enforcement division, Mr. Day.
- (f) Saline Game Management Area,

  deer and duck seasons, Mr. Day,

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THE CHAIRMAN: Will everyone please be seated? We will have some coffee coming in shortly. We will first have the regular board meeting. there are any of you here that have things to talk to the Commission about that concern anything but seasons and bag limits, we ask that you bring it up at this meeting, at the conclusion of our agenda, and we will be glad to discuss with you anything that you have on any subject but seasons and bag limits. Then we will adjourn the regular meeting and then we will talk about seasons and bag limits for as long as you all want.

On that occasion we will not talk about anything else. The reason for that is that there are usually a number of people that want to be heard and we have that hearing for that purpose. If you have something to talk to us about other than seasons and bag limits, please do so at the regular meeting. Otherwise, I will have to rule you out of order.

We will continue with the hearing for as long this morning or this afternoon as anyone wants to be heard. We will then adjourn until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock for the sole purpose of again hearing people who have recommendations on seasons and bag limits. For those of you who don't get up at nine o'clock, we'll be here until ten, I'm sure.

The first order of business is the approval of the minutes of the meeting held on April 27, 1971.

MR. KYLE: So move.

MR. WRIGHT: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Wright, that the minutes be approved. Are there any objections?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

Dr. St. Amant.

DR. ST. AMANT: Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission, we have four items. Three of them deal with the shrimp season.

You will recall at the last Commission meeting when we set the spring shrimp season,

there was some disagreement as to when we should set it. The evidence indicated that we would have a large shrimp crop and that it would be late.

That seems to be true. In the central portion of the state, the shrimp were approximately fishable in size, but in the extreme eastern section and in the western sections they are running three or four weeks late. We do have an excellent crop.

We have three proposals that we would like to bring up, to consider either extending the season or opening certain areas so that we might catch the residual portion of this brown crop that is running late.

The first one deals with the opening of a certain section of Breton Sound. Now this area has been open, this would be the third year, I think, or the fourth year, by act of the Commission as specifically designed to take some large brown shrimp which appear in the Breton Sound area and Breton Channel during July and August. We would suggest, since it would be necessary to open this before the July meeting, that you give us permission

to make a study of the area and if the shrimp are there and in fishable numbers, that you then empower the Director or the Assistant Director to open the season on 48-hour notice, with proper enforcement, et cetera.

MR. HOFFPAUER: Dr. St. Amant, is this a well defined area?

DR. ST. AMANT: It is an area we have used before. I would suspect that in this case, since we have had our trouble with the shrimp line that we would have to describe it on coordinates just like we have the other line. We would describe it with X-Y coordinates and also with a well-marked sight line.

MR. WINFREE: Dr. St. Amant, last year when this Commission granted an extension of this season, was there any problem of enforcement in this area? Did the fishermen take to it all right?

DR. ST. AMANT: We don't really have any trouble with the temporary openings because all of them are opened on the condition that if we have any trouble, we would close this area in 24 hours.

If trouble develops with people shrimping outside the area or the shrimp get too small or if we begin to catch white shrimp, all we have to do is give 24-hour notice to the paper and the season is closed. This would go into the recommendation of the reopening.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Chairman, if there is no further discussion, I so move such a resolution

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr.

Winfree. Is there a second?

MR. NORRIS: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Norris.

Is there any further discussion? Any objection?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

(Text of the resolution is here made a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, in past years, a special brown shrimp season in a prescribed area in Breton Sound has proven successful and beneficial to

the shrimp industry, it is suggested that this special season extension be considered for 1971, and

WHEREAS, in the event that large brown shrimp are available and can be harvested in the area of Breton Sound, without damaging the white shrimp crop, and

WHEREAS, the season extension will be based upon the biological examination of the area this year as well as the knowledge compiled during past years, and

WHEREAS, the catching and landing of such a crop of brown shrimp would be most beneficial to the Louisiana shrimping industry,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by
the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries
Commission, at the public meeting held on
Friday, June 18, 1971, that the Director
and Assistant Director are hereby

authorized to extend the shrimp season,
after careful technical evaluation of
the data to determine that large brown
shrimp are available and can be harvested
without damaging the white shrimp crop
in the following described area:

Beginning at Bird Island, thence runs northwesterly to a horizontal tank battery located in the vicinity of Battledore Reef (generally northeast of Battledore Reef and east of Little Battledore Island), thence runs northeasterly to the Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet Channel at a lighted privatelymaintained marker known as Station "69A" and "70A", thence southeasterly down and including the Ship Cannel to lighted markers Nos. 37 and 38, thence southwesterly along the inside shoreline of Breton Island to

Bird Island, which area is approximately a nine by ten mile square.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that
the Director and Assistant Director can
close this area on 24-hour notice if
problems develop in regard to enforcing
the boundaries, or if the examination
of catches indicate that undersized
white shrimp are taken in sufficient
numbers, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that official notification of this action shall consist of the preparation and release of information detailing a proper legal description of the area and the date and time of its opening to the news media for public notification.

DR. ST. AMANT: The second area is a similar situation that exists in Calcasieu Lake. In the western half of the state the shrimp run three or four weeks later than they do in the

central portion. The biological evidence now indicates there is quite a large crop of brown shrimp in this area and the local fishing people and our biologists suggest that it might be possible to extend the season in Calcasieu Lake, which is a well defined water body and would not be too hard to control or to describe. I would again recommend that after due study of the area, if the shrimp are there and of catchable size, that we we empowered to extend the season for whatever number of days necessary to catch the crop and that it be closed on 24-hour notice, either if we have trouble with the operation or when the shrimp have disappeared from this area.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Jones, what is your feeling on that area over there?

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, everybody claims there are a lot of shrimp there and they want to catch them.

MR. WINFREE: I so move the same resolution.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr.

Winfree. Is there a second?

MR. WRIGHT: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Wright.

Is there any further discussion? Any objection?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

(Text of the resolution is here made a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, the local shrimping interests in the Calcasieu Lake, Cameron Parish areas, have requested the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to consider an extension to the brown shrimp season based on biological indications that this would not affect or be damaging to the white shrimp crop and in effect would be beneficial to the Louisiana shrimping industry, and

WHEREAS, the Commission should direct the Division of Oysters, Water Bottoms and Seafoods to determine the

feasibility of this request and develop technical data necessary to establish that this is biologically sound and in the best interest of the shrimping industry,

that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries
Commission does hereby authorize the
Director and Assistant Director to
extend the shrimp season after technical
evaluations of the data determine that
an excess of large brown shrimp are
available.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director and Assistant Director can close this area on 24-hour notice if problems develop in regard to enforcing the special season, or if the examination of catches indicate that undersized white shrimp are taken in sufficient numbers, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that

official notification of this action shall consist of the preparation and release of information detailing a proper legal description of the area and the date and time of its opening to the news media for public notification.

MR. WINFREE: Before we proceed, Mr.

Chairman, I hear a sound system coming through here somewhere and I am having trouble hearing Dr. St.

Amant. Do you all hear that same thing? Is there a radio turned up somewhere? Not now, for sure, but I thought some speaker system was tied in here Now I don't hear it any more, Mr.

THE CHAIRMAN: Fine.

DR. ST. AMANT: The next item is similar but somewhat different. We have been directed by House Concurrent Resolution No. 459 to make a study of the shrimp situation in the lower reaches of Lake Pontchartrain in the vicinity of the Rigolets and Chef Menteur Pass, and if the shrimp in there

Chairman.

are of catchable size, that we permit fishing in this area with butterfly nets only, similar to the way we did last year, which was very successful.

Again, this will essentially be the same type of recommendation, that you direct us to make this study and that upon completion of the study, if there is a fishable crop of shrimp, that we describe the area and that we advertise promptly when the season be opened, by the Director or Assistant Director, to be closed on 24-hour notice if we have problems there.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. WINFREE: I move the same resolution.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Winfree. Is there a second?

MR. WRIGHT: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Wright.

Is there any further discussion? Any objection?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

(Text of the resolution is here made a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, the Louisiana
Legislature in the 1971 Regular
Session, in House Concurrent
Resolution No. 459, has directed
the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries
Commission, through the Division of
Oysters, Water Bottoms and Seafoods,
to make an investigation to determine
the feasibility of opening the lower
reaches of Lake Pontchartrain, in the
Rigolets and Chef Menteur Pass areas,
below Interstate Highway 10, for the
use of butterfly nets only, and

WHEREAS, biological investigations and studies are necessary to show that sufficient marketable shrimp are available to warrant this special action, and

WHEREAS, if upon the finalization of this technical examination,
it is found that there are large brown
shramp in this area, the Commission

could establish a special season as may be biologically sound.

that the Louisiana Wild Life and
Fisheries Commission, at the public
meeting held on Friday, June 18, 1971,
does hereby instruct the Division of
Oysters, Water Bottoms and Seafoods
to conduct said study and that this
information can be used by the Director
and Assistant Director in opening or
establishing this special shrimp
season in Lake Pontchartrain.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director and Assistant Director can close this area on 24-hour notice if problems develop in regard to enforcing the boundaries, or if the examination of catches indicate that undersized white shrimp are taken in sufficient numbers, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that

official notification of this action shall consist of the preparation and release of information detailing a proper legal description of the area and the date and time of its opening to the news media for public notification.

DR. ST. AMANT: The final consideration has to do with the Wholesome Fish Act, and this is an act, Senate Bill 700 in the United States Congress. It deals with certain inspection procedures for fish and fish products.

Now the Act would have two major effects that we think would be beneficial to the fishing industry. One, it would insist that all imported fish from foreign countries, and we import a great deal of fish -- as a matter of fact, 64 percent of our shrimp consumption in the United States is on imported shrimp, so we import more than we catch -- this bill would insist that all imported canned and packed or fresh fish and crustaceans would meet health requirements equivalent to or greater

than United States packers. Otherwise, we are at a disadvantage on some of this, not only from an economic standpoint but certainly it would endanger the health of the country if it was not inspected properly.

Secondly, this bill would also standardize the inspection system and health requirements
for fish markets and commercial fish people of the
United States. We think again that it is high time
that some type of standardization be developed here,
because if it is not, we may find that to all
effects it would be over-restricted in some areas
and perhaps too lenient in others.

The Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission has followed this activity in Washington and so have members of our own Commission on our own technical staff, and the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission did pass a resolution supporting this Senate bill. What we would like to do now is have our Commission concur in its support and pass a resolution which we have prepared to be sent to the delegates from Louisiana and the

southern states supporting this bill before Congress.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation of Dr. St. Amant. What is your pleasure

MR. WALKER: I so move, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr.

Walker. Is there a second?

MR. WINFREE: I second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Winfree.

Is there any other discussion? Is there any objection?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

(Text of the resolution is here made a part of the record.)

whereas, S. 700 has been introduced in the Senate for the enactment of a bill which may be cited as the "Wholesome Fish and Fishery Products Act of 1971," for the benefit of the citizens of this

country; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild

Life and Fisheries Commission supports

the concept of wholesome fish and

fishery products; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild

Life and Fisheries Commission recognizes

the problems with which the industry

in Louisiana may be confronted as well

as other states bordering the Gulf of

Mexico; and

WHEREAS, there is equal justification for requiring that all imports of fish and fishery products be required to meet wholesome standards at all levels; and

WHEREAS, in the enforcement of any regulations, it should be obligatory on the part of the inspection agency that its personnel be completely familiar and knowledgeable in all aspects of the fish, fishery

products, or handling facilities in order to perform such services capably;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission in its regular monthly meeting on Friday, June 18, 1971, does hereby urge the Congress to enact legislation which will provide for (1) reasonable compliance with the proposed Wholesome Fish and Fishery Products Act of 1971, (2) that all inspectors be properly qualified with suitable training and background knowledge of the various aspects of the industry achieved prior to the performance of any inspection service, and (3) that the quality standards applied to the domestic industry be required for the production and importation of any foreign fish and fishery products.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be provided

to the House Interstate and Foreign . Commerce Committee and the Senate Commerce Committee, to the members of the Louisiana Congressional delegation, to the Governor of the State of Louisiana, to the Director, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, to the state fish and wildlife agencies and to state health agencies of the Northern Gulf of Mexico area, and to all interested state and national trade associations.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Dr. St. Amant. You have another meeting to go to, as I understand it. Mr. Herring.

MR. HERRING: Mr. Chairman, the only thing we have, there are two of the nation's largest wildlife organizations, the Wildlife National Institute and the National Wildlife Federation, who have not selected a meeting site for 1974, so we would like to ask of the Commission to extend them an invitation to meet in our state in that year. If this is approved by the Commission, then

we will have a resolution prepared for it.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. WINFREE: I would like to ask a question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, sir.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Herring, is there any financial arrangement that the Commission would have to make in inviting these people here, or do they have their own?

MR. HERRING: No, they have their own organization. It would be just more or less, as I said, an honor or a privilege to have them meet in our state.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any other discussion? What is your pleasure?

MR. WALKER: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Walker. Is there a second?

MR. WINFREE: I second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Winfree.

Any other discussion? Any objection?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

(Text of the resolution is here made a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, the National Wildlife
Federation is the largest sportsmen
oriented organization in the United
States, and

WHEREAS, the National Wildlife
Federation meets in a city each year in
the United States, Canada, or Mexico, and

WHEREAS, this is an organization of wildlife affiliated clubs and groups from throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS, it would be an honor for this organization to meet in our state,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission extends an invitation to the National Wildlife Federation to hold its

1974 meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.

THE CHAIRMAN: Clark.

MR. HOFFPAUER: Gentlemen, you remember that approximately a year ago the General Services Administration of the government leased some more space from us in the Civil Courts Building and Wild Life and Fisheries Building on Royal Street. Now they are renting from us 74,493 square feet and they pay us \$155,775.00 for that. They want an additional 3,631 feet and for this they are going to pay us an additional \$11,220.00, which is a fine rental, I'll grant you that.

They have some other people whom they have to move. We had nothing to do with asking these people to move. The Corporation Board, the Parole Board, the Alcoholic Tax Board, the Beverage Control. They had relocated them and we didn't ask them anything. The government did it. Also, not in the lease but something gratis they are giving us. They are fixing over a new Commission data room for us and also another office that will be available to us on the bottom floor, completely

redone. They are going to leave everything in there, nothing moved out, except furniture. All the air conditioning, Venetian blinds, fixtures, lighting, and so forth will remain in that building.

We had tentatively agreed to all of this prior to that. This is in the form of a lease for signature. I imagine that Jerry and I will execute it.

MR. NORRIS: What is the term of the lease?

MR. HOFFPAUER: The terms of the lease are --

MR. NORRIS: No, no, the length of it.

MR. HOFFPAUER: The length of the lease, they say cancellable at any time they want to do it, in arrears.

MR. WALKER: Yes, but what's the period of the lease?

MR. HOFFPAUER: The period of the lease is not entered on this. It is on a year-to-year basis.

MR. WALKER: Do they have a cancellation

clause in there?

MR. HOFFPAUER: We have the cancellation clause in Article X, not in this lease but in the prior lease to this, which lists all the conditions, that either party can cancel the lease.

MR. NORRIS: Have we got any choice? The explanation, THE CHAIRMAN: No. I understand, GSA is now constructing a new building in New Orleans which will house the United States District Courts. They are remodelling the Jackson Street building, which is supposed to house the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and these are the two groups that are using it The purpose of this is to give them additional space for the additional United States District Judges that were approved for New Orleans and who will be appointed shortly and for the Fifth Circuit. As soon as the remodelled building is completed, which is supposed to be next year, and when the new building is built, which will probably be a number of years, then they will be vacated.

MR. WINFREE: It would appear to me that we will have a renovated building and courtrooms running out of our ears in about two years.

THE CHAIRMAN: Ever since they have been there, if you recall, they were always going to get out next year, and instead of getting out they keep expanding, so I don't know if they will ever get out.

MR. WALKER: Is this the final lease that we have been looking at for the last several meetings?

MR. HOFFPAUER: Yes, sir.

MR. WINFREE: One more thing, Mr. Director. They did not ask Orleans Levee Board to move, did they?

MR. HOFFPAUER: No, sir, not that I know of.

THE CHAIRMAN: You still have enough space to adequately run your operation in New Orleans? This is not taking away space that you need.

MR. HOFFPAUER: I can't see an immediate

need for space.

MR. WALKER: I don't understand a lease without a cancellation clause.

MR. HOFFPAUER: Article X is the cancellation clause.

MR. WRIGHT: That goes into the general fund of the state.

MR. HOFFPAUER: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any other discussion? What is your pleasure?

MR. WINFREE: I so move that the Chairman and/or Director be authorized to sign.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr.

Winfree. Is there a second?

MR. KYLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Kyle. Is there any further discussion? Do I hear any objections?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

MR. WINFREE: Now maybe we can move the office to Baton Rouge.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Yancey.

MR. YANCEY: Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission, last year it became apparent that there would be several thousand acres of low-lying land along the D'Arbonne Bayou bottom just north of Monroe that would be flooded out to a shallow depth with water upon completion of this ninefoot navigational channel that the Corps of Engineers is constructing on the Ouachita River. was also realized that this would create an ideal area for use by migratory waterfowl and that it had good potential for establishment as a game management area or national wildlife refuge.

Also, the state was charged with the responsibility of acquiring and buying a flowage easement in that area. Following that, the Commission adopted a resolution requesting that a move be made in Congress to get the Corps of Engineers to purchase this property in fee simple title and turn it over to the Commission to be operated as a game management area or for the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, to be

managed as a national wildlife refuge. Following the adoption of that resolution, this was conveyed to Senator Ellender's office in Washington. The reaction we got was that it was virtually too late because at that time the Public Works Committee was considering the omnibus bill and that this was an eleventh hour move that had very little opportunity of going through.

But, as a result of Senator Ellender's and Senator Long's efforts, they were able to amend this omnibus bill to provide that the Corps of Engineers would buy this property and it would be then set aside as either a national wildlife refuge or a game management area. Certainly they made a major effort in getting this done, and we feel like it would be appropriate at this time that the Commission adopt a resolution, commending them for their efforts, and also requesting that they push for the early funding of this acquisition, or at least at the earliest possible moment.

It is going to mean that when this is done, it will be a major addition to the waterfowl

program here in Louisiana. Certainly Senator Ellender and Senator Long are to be commended for their efforts in this direction. There is about 12,000 acres involved, possibly 13.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. KYLE: So move.

MR. WRIGHT: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Wright, that Senators Long and Ellender be commended for their efforts. Is there any further discussion? Any objection?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

Thank you, Richard.

Mr. Walker, do you have a report from your pollution committee?

MR. WALKER: Yes, sir, I have a short report. I would like to give you the total number of cases, cease and desist, and charges filed, ending June 15 of this year. The total number of cases is 1,001. We have issued 73 cease and desist orders and have filed 73 charges. I am sorry to

report that the charges filed have not had any action taken. We want to try and work with the local district attorneys and throughout the state, I don't mean any specific area, but I mean throughout the state, and see if we cannot get their cooperation. That's all the report I have, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. We have with us Representative Burton Angelle and I think that the matter that he wants to discuss with us pertains to seasons. Is that right, Burt?

REPRESENTATIVE ANGELLE: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Glad to have you. We'll get to you shortly. Is there anyone else that has -- oh, I'm sorry.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Chairman, I have something that I think should be brought up at this time. Yesterday the Commission had the pleasure of being at our Spring Bayou Management Area to meet with the staff. Lots of the people I had never met and I certainly enjoyed being there.

As I drove into the area, which is a

previously requested for -- what's the name of that refuge -- the Three Rivers area, and he also told us that that had already passed by a vote of 60 to one, to allow us to have that type of money.

The people of this area are really fortunate in having such a pretty place down there.

I don't know whether they are utilizing it or not,
but certainly with this blacktop road, I feel that
more people in Alexandria and central Louisiana
areas or anywhere will look forward to lots of
good weekends down there. I think Representative
Laborde should certainly be commended for his
efforts and his actions.

Also, I understand from Representative

Laborde that the Highway Department, and I believe

they were represented there last evening, would

maintain the road, after it is blacktopped.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you submit that in the form of a motion, Mr. Winfree?

MR. WINFREE: I don't think that's necestary, Mr. Chairman, as long as it is in the record what is being done. You weren't there last evening

so I wanted you to know about it, too.

THE CHAIRMAN: While we are throwing out laurels, the Legislature has seen fit to appropriate, and apparently the Governor has seen fit to allow it to stand, the appropriation for the purchase of additional land that we have in mind. We certainly should express our appreciation to the legislators and to the Governor and all the other people who had helped put that package together, so we may be in a position to buy some additional land. We appreciate that.

Bill, you have something?

MR. BILL V. DAY: I represent the Buelhar Lake Commission, which is an official state agency

Mr. Kyle, Mr. Wright, Mr. Jones, Mr.

Hoffpauer, Mr. Norris, Mr. Winfree, Mr. Walker.

I wish to come before the Commission on a matter

of business specifically for the Buelhar Lake

Commission. Buelhar Lake, for your information,

is a small artifical lake on the Pineville side

of Red River. We have had several major fish kills

in it this year. We made a specific request, an

official request, through Mr. Walker to the office of Mr. Lafleur to send a representative of the Stream Pollution Control Commission here to invest gate the latest fish kill, and asked Mr. Lafleur to report to either one of the three commissioners, myself, Mr. Rylee and Dr. Seale.

Gentlemen, this was several months ago.

We have not yet been contacted by the Stream Pollution Control Commission in regard to this matter

We also requested the Louisiana State

Department of Health to make an investigation into
the matter. They were there promptly and they did
do an analysis and we were furnished a report.

The report will be made available to you if you
would care to read it. The report is highly
indicative of some industrial pollution. I don't
think it was a lack of oxygen that killed the
fish. We know that that has been the problem in
many fish kills, particularly in central Louisiana
in the past.

As the vice-chairman of the commission, and speaking in its behalf, I want you to know that

we are rather perturbed that an official agency of the state can make a request of the Stream Pollution Control Commission and get no, apparently, response, and I would like to hear your comment on this at this time, if I may.

MR. KYLE: Mr. Chairman, I would suggest you let the Chairman of the Stream Control Commission answer this.

THE CHAIRMAN: You and I think along the same lines. Clark.

MR. HOFFPAUER: Well, I'll have to contact Lafleur. We have had 19 fish kills last week in the state. Who do we have here? Nobody from Stream Control?

MR. DAY: Mr. Harrison did inspect it and was out at the site of the fish kill and what may have been the source of the pollutant.

MR. HOFFPAUER: Let Mr. Lafleur's man come up here now.

MR. WINFREE: Let him come up to the microphone.

THE CHAIRMAN: Give us the information

MR. CLYDE HARRISON: I am Clyde Harrison.

I am the local game supervisor for this district
here.

MR. WINFREE: Wild Life and Fisheries?

MR. HARRISON: Yes, sir, Wild Life and
Fisheries.

I don't know about Mr. Day's request through Mr. Walker, but I took a sample of some sediment. Apparently the polluting agent was coming from a manhole that was a part of the Pineville sewerage system. I guess this was about three days after the fish kill. I met with Mr. Day and two other members of the Buelhar Lake Commission and the Department of Health was there at the time and they took some samples of the water. This was probably about three days after the kill, was it not? O.K.

Along with the manhole that was overflowing, there was some sediment, and I took some
of that and sent it to the Stream Control Commission
and eventually got a report from it. As I recall,
they compared it to a detergent and they gave the

concentration of it. Now whether the concentration that was on the leaves that I picked up is the same as was in the water, I can't say. However, the concentration that they got from the leaves that I sent in would not have hurt the fish that were being killed.

I would also like to say, for Mr. Day's benefit, that we had a meeting scheduled in my office for Monday afternoon, and at the time I was prepared to give him what I had. Two other members of the commission said they would not be able to attend but that Bill would. We waited, Captain Nugent, Earl Nugent, and Sammy Stokes, the fisheries biologist, and myself waited all afternoon and nobody showed up. The next morning Mr. Day said that the meeting was held with commission biologists, on his radio program.

MR. DAY: Now, let's get a couple of things here straight on that. There was a meeting scheduled which you cancelled and rescheduled, and at the time, if you ladies will excuse me, I called you and told you I was sick in bed. You

will recall that, and I would be unable to attend.

MR. HARRISON: That's right, the first time.

MR. DAY: No, no, not the first time.

The second time.

MR. HARRISON: No, sir.

MR. DAY: Well, I will be glad to show you the call from my doctor's office, Mr. Harrison and the two other members told me they would be there.

THE CHAIRMAN: Let's not get into that.

MR. DAY: No, I don't intend to get into this with Mr. Harrison, but as a matter of fact I had just had a vasectomy and I really wan't feeling too well to go up into a meeting on fish, and Mr. Harrison was advised of this by telephone by me. The two other members said they would attend. I did not know they didn't.

But, gentlemen, if I may have the floor now --

THE CHAIRMAN: Let me just say one thing.
We want to get back to the basic question that you

raised, and that's exactly what we want to get to the heart of. Thank you, sir.

MR. DAY: The meeting with Mr. Harrison, gentlemen, was designed specifically, not to do with fish kill, but with a survey we had requested Mr. Harrison and Mr. Stokes to make in regard to roughfish in the lake and recommendations to take them out. It had nothing whatsoever to do with the fish kill, so let's get that straight. That the two other members did not attend I was not aware of until now, but I am aware of the fact that we did, through Mr. Walker, and I believe it would be proper for you, Jerry, since this is -- to ask Mr. Walker.

THE CHAIRMAN: Jimmy, do you have any information on this that you want to bring out?

MR. WALKER: My point was that I was notified of a fish kill and I recall, I believe it was on a Friday morning and I had to catch a plane during the day, but I did go to the site, and I did observe a fish kill. I would say approximately 50 fish were dead. I did call Robert

Lafleur and he said, "I have already been notified. He said that A. A. Paul -- is it A. A. Paul that works for him? -- had already been to the site and I asked him had they met with the Buelhar Lake Commission, had Mr. Paul met with the Commission, and he said he did not know.

I said, "Well, will you get in touch with Mr. Paul and have Mr. Paul get in touch with the Buelhar Lake Commission and meet with them immediately, as soon as possible?" and he said he would do this. So, I assumed that he was going to do From there I met with the city of Pineville I met with the manager of the Procter & Gamble The information I received from both the city of Pineville and the Procter & Gamble representatives was that a malfunction in the sewer system, that they had a pump that went out of a manhole, and it had failed twice, and that this was a malfunction of the system that caused the fish kill. It was my understanding that this would be corrected by putting in an emergency standby unit. This was the East information I had.

MR. DAY: Well, the Department of Health survey was somewhat different from the one Mr.

Harrison described, in that the Department of Health survey, the way we read it, at least, indicated that the pollutants were of sufficient nature to kill the fish. Since the kill occurred right after a major rainstorm, then our curiosity is piqued as to what did kill the fish. We do not want another occurrence of it. At this time I am making an official formal request of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to ask a survey team to be called into here and to make a complete survey of any potential pollutants into that lake that would possibly cause a fish kill.

We have another problem. We do not have the answer to it. We want an answer to it.

That is constant turbidity of the lake and an apparent complete lack of any aquatic growth. The lake is constantly muddy. Areas that had lily pads, that had grass, that had aquatic growth, no longer have them. If it is erosion that is causing this, we want to know, and from what source. If it is

a chemical causing this, we want to know this, too and from what source. We would like to have the Stream Pollution Control Commission look into the matter and to confer, meet with, discuss with the Buelhar Lake Commission. Since I don't expect to have another operation as I did prior to the meeting with Mr. Harrison, I think I can probably make the next one.

Let me take your first THE CHAIRMAN: request first, Bill. I think it is our business, even though, as I understand it, the Department of Health is the agency responsible for the control of domestic pollution. That's not an excuse, though. Probably it is the reason that they were primarily involved. I think, when there is any type, any complaint of any kind of pollution, it is the business of the Stream Control Commission, if they are asked to do something, to give an answer. Even if it is none of our business and they feel that way, I think they should so say that it is the Health Department's responsibility. Apparently there was a breakdown in communication.

I would like to ask Jimmy Walker's committee on pollution to take a look into it because I think this may be something that would be within the realm of your committee as to really what happened and why Mr. Lafleur knocked it back to these people. He may have a reason. I think it ought to at least be told why he did do it. I would ask, if you would, Jimmy, to look into that angle for us and report back to the Commission. Would you do that?

MR. WALKER: Yes, sir.

MR. WINFREE: Mr. Chairman, may I say something?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, sir.

MR. WINFREE: I don't think Mr. Day has made an unusual request as a member of this commission governing this lake. As I understood his request -- this other thing is aside --

THE CHAIRMAN: He had two questions. I want to get to the bottom of that. I think we should.

MR. WINFREE: The first request, as I

understand he has made now, is that he is making the request of the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and their biologists, whoever they may be, to make a survey of this lake and check and see if there is pollution occurring and, if so, report their finding to this commission of which Mr. Day is a member. Then, of course, what could be done about it would have to come later. That's where I thought it was, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: I was going to ask Joe
Herring, this is something within your particular
department. You understand what Bill's commission
is asking --

MR. WINFREE: Let me go back a little further. I was going to suggest, Mr. Chairman, that Mr. Day write a letter, putting this out, so that we all would know what you are talking about. Then our people should certainly act on it.

MR. KYLE: Mr. Chairman, what Mr. Day wants, no matter how it is done, is Buelhar Lake in condition that anybody can go out there at any time and catch fish.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, the interesting partabout it is that in most other parts of the state they are complaining because those weeds are growing, and here Bill is complaining because the weeds don't grow.

## (Laughter)

I think we understand each other. On the first problem about your complaint of not getting an answer, Mr. Walker's committee -- they are very active -- is going to see why. No. 2, if you will send us a letter about the other, Joe says he can do it.

MR. DAY: Gentlemen, I appreciate that.

May I digress off of that and just speak
as Bill Day period, and particularly to Clark.

THE CHAIRMAN: Go ahead.

MR. DAY: Clark, I just received the quantitative analysis of the number of arrests made in the enforcement division since the first of the year. Would it be possible to get a qualitative analysis on that, along with the quantitative? We are somewhat disturbed, some of us in

the area; some of us weren't and I have to admit I was one of them. We couldn't find that there were any great number of arrests made on Catahoula Lake during duck season. I'll be perfectly frank with you. I don't think I ever went out there that I didn't see some violations. We have had a pretty severe night hunting situation out there since the Indians left the lake and it has continued. If there were arrests made in District IV, I made no study of that, only in District III.

MR. WALKER: These are just pollution cases. These aren't --

MR. HOFFPAUER: No.

MR. DAY: These were citing the number of arrests in each district. What I am talking about, in what categories were they?

If I may, there is one other thing and then I will leave and I will go to Toledo Bend tomorrow, I promise you. This does kind of get into the realm of seasons and bag limits, but I would like to register a protest and I think that it will probably be registered again tomorrow.

That is the practice of the cessation of a duck season in Saline Game Management Area during the period of the duck season in which the deer season I, as a duck hunter, although I do not hunt over there, do not feel that we should be penalized at the pleasure of deer hunters, even though we both may fall into the same category. Again, I don't deer hunt there, but other people do, and we fail to see the reason why duck hunting, which takes place in the lake and in the green timber area, should suffer at the expense of the deer season. It has been the policy to close the duck season during the deer season portion in that particular game management area. I would like for you to see if we can't reconsider this.

THE CHAIRMAN: Joe, will you incorporate that information in the seasons and bag limits.

MR. HERRING: If I may say one thing, actually that is just during that November season. Now the December part, we go ahead and run deer and duck at the same time, so it is only that shorperiod right at the first on the special deer

season.

MR. DAY: I thank you for your time on behalf of the Buelhar Lake Commission. We do appreciate it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any other business to come before the Commission other than seasons and bag limits? If not, we will adjourn for about ten minutes for a recess. There is coffee in the back of the room. This meeting is closed now. We will adjourn for some coffee.

. . . Thereupon, at 10:55 o'clock a.m., Friday,
June 18, 1971, the meeting
was adjourned. . . .